

## BROKE DOWN AND CONFESSED.

Salem Woman Abandoned That Child at Alliance.

FINED BY MAYOR WALKER

Assessed \$100 and Costs For the Infamous Act—Not Certain Whether She Was the Mother of the Little One.

Special to News-Democrat.

Alliance, April 27.—For the past four days the police force of Alliance have been doing every thing that could be done to clear up the mystery surrounding the abandonment of an infant child which was left back of the express office at the Union depot Sunday night or Monday morning. P. D. Howell, who was recently appointed chief of police, has displayed remarkable detective ability in this case, and Thursday the great mystery of who the guilty parties were in the case was solved by him.

The women who are accused of the crime came to Alliance Sunday evening on the accommodation which arrives here at 7:40 o'clock. After being seen at the depot between 2 and 3 o'clock Monday morning, one of them boarded No. 8 for the east and the other disappeared on Main street. Mr. and Mrs. John Terwilliger, of this city, boarded the accommodation, Sunday evening, at Atwater and came to Alliance. While on the train they noticed a young woman with a child in her arms to which she seemed to give but little attention. She also got off at Alliance. Since then Officer Howell interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Terwilliger and got their description of the woman on the train Sunday evening. Chief Howell suspected Miss Frances Nichols, of Salem, as being the person who deserted the child here. So Thursday he took Mr. Terwilliger with him to Salem and the latter at once identified Miss Nichols as being the same lady that he saw on the train Sunday evening. So Officer Howell arrested her immediately and brought her to Alliance on No. 3 Thursday evening and she was placed in the city jail.

Quite a crowd of Alliance people had heard of her arrest and were at the depot when No. 3 pulled in. Miss Nichols is a light complexioned woman with light red hair. She is of medium height and is about 30 years of age.

No little excitement and indignation is raging in Alliance over the sensational affair.

### PLEADED GUILTY.

Miss Nichols was arraigned before Mayor Walker Thursday evening at 7 o'clock and at first endeavored to put on a bold face and pleaded not guilty. But, suddenly she broke down and cried like a child.

She was then returned to the lockup and cried and sobbed continuously. After spending some time in this way she admitted that she was the guilty person. So she was taken before the mayor again and pleaded guilty. Mayor Walker fined her \$100, but as she had no money she was committed to the jail again.

Miss Nichols has a brother, Daniel, at Delaware, O., and the officers will hold the prisoner until they hear from this brother as to what he will do.

Miss Nichols admits that she left the child here but does not claim to be the mother of it.

If the fine is not paid soon she will be taken to the workhouse. She seems to be feeling very badly and positively refuses to take any nourishment.

Her home is in Cleveland and she came to Salem Monday to work. Her mother and a sister, Mrs. Joseph Thomas, reside in Cleveland, and are said to be very respectable people. Miss Nichols says she is engaged to be married in June to a conductor on the Lake Shore railroad and she has sent word to him to send money to pay her fine.

She refuses to tell who the mother of the child is but says she is a Cleveland lady 21 years of age, a particular friend of hers, who did her a favor and she was trying to return it.

J. D. HART.

## MYSTERY SURROUNDS

The Death of a Traveling Salesman Whose Home Is Salem.

Special to News-Democrat.

Marion, Ind., April 27.—An air of mystery surrounds the death of Chas. Snyder, a traveling salesman from Salem, Columbiana county, Ohio. Snyder was found dead in a room in the Oyster Bay hotel at an early hour this morning. He came here Monday with a woman and the two registered as husband and wife. Tuesday evening the proprietor came into possession of information that the woman was not Snyder's wife and he ordered her to leave the hotel. Later, the proprietor was informed by the woman that Snyder had disappeared, and as he had been drinking heavily, she then left the hotel and reported the facts to the police. At 8 o'clock in the evening the landlord found Snyder in a back room lying upon the bed in a stupor and decided not to disturb him until morning, supposing that he was helpless from the effects of drinking. Shortly after midnight he visited the room and discovered that the man had been dead for several hours. It later developed that the woman is Bessie Williams, of Paris, Ky., who formerly lived here. She stated today that she is not married to Snyder, but that they had intended to be married in a day or two. In Snyder's room was a bottle of chloral, and the coroner states that his death was due to this drug, of which he is supposed to have taken about an

ounce, whether with suicidal intent or not is not apparent. Snyder's body was shipped to Salem this evening.

## THAT PLATFORM.

It Is Discussed By a Chicago Writer—Feat of Commercial Balancing.

Chicago, April 27.—Discussing the Ohio platform the Chronicle says: Since it has been announced in big headlines that the great Republican boss, Mark Hanna, who has just held a Republican convention in Ohio, has sounded the keynote, we may expect the grand overture to proceed without interruption.

But it is to be remarked that it is not one keynote that the leader of the Republican orchestra has sounded, but two. One is the economic keynote and the other is the iron destiny note. The two are in very good accord, but in order to appreciate them properly we need to listen to each by itself.

Thus sounds the economic keynote: "The balance of net trade in favor of the United States during the last century preceding this administration amounted to \$311,000,000. In 100 years that was the net balance to the credit of the United States in our trade with the world. In three years of the administration of President William McKinley the net balance as shown by the United States treasury is \$1,400,000,000. It is \$1,100,000,000 accomplished in those three years than had been accomplished in 100 years preceding. And then, looking into the change?"

Of course we are expected to believe that the administration of William McKinley is to be credited with this astonishing showing, else why the question whether we want a change? But if we are to give McKinley all the glory for this amazing "net balance to the credit of the United States" what sort of opinion are we to entertain of all the past administrations which have been in power for 32 out of 40 years? What were Lincoln and Grant and Hayes and Garfield and Arthur and Harrison doing in their day? And why was it reserved for McKinley alone to work this supposed economic miracle?

Why should any party choose to glory in this feat of commercial balancing? What is meant by the phrase "net balance to the credit of the United States?" Simply the excess in value of merchandise exports over merchandise imports. On referring to the treasury statistics it will be found that the excess in value of merchandise exports over imports during the three years ending June 30, 1899, was something over the sum of \$1,400,000,000 stated by Mr. Hanna.

That is to say, during the three years we shipped out of the country goods worth that much more than the goods we brought into the country. If we do not get something for that excess of goods sent out of our ports the country is just that much poorer for the trade. Now will Mr. Hanna please tell us what we got for that very respectable sum of \$1,400,000,000? If we look into the treasury books a little further we will find that we got \$119,800,000 more gold and silver during these three years than we exported. So far as the books show that is all we got in payment for the balance of \$1,400,000,000 coming to us on account of the three years' foreign trade. So far as the books show we have sent out of the country \$1,280,000,000 worth more goods than we have received pay for.

Is that anything to brag of? If the administration is responsible for sending out of the country such an immense value of goods for which we get no pay one would say that, "looking into the facts of such results," we do want a change. The treasury books show that the country as a whole is short the enormous sum of \$1,280,000,000 on its foreign trade in three years.

Looking at the face of accounts, we would like to know whether we have received something that does not appear on the books or whether we have any security for the great sum coming to us for the goods we have parted with. We do not feel at all like bragging and will not until someone explains how we can be enriched by shipping out of the country goods worth billions of dollars more than the goods we bring into the country. Will Economist Hanna explain?

## FIRE AT ALLIANCE.

Pennsylvania Railroad Company Store House Partially Destroyed.

Special to News-Democrat.

Alliance, April 27.—At about 3:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon a building which is used by the Pennsylvania company for storing hard coal and crushed coke for use in the passenger coaches, situated just east of the round house, in Alliance, took fire from a passenger engine. An alarm was sent to the fire department and within a few minutes the firemen were upon the scene. By this time the building was in flames and the fire was following a long pile of cordwood which joined the east end of the building. The flames had also reached another building at the opposite side of the track. By prompt action of the firemen the flames were soon under control, although they labored at a great disadvantage on account of the large hose bursting. The building in which the coke was stored was almost entirely consumed by the fire. Considerable of the coke and coal were also burned.

### DID NOT STOP.

The special train bearing President and Mrs. William McKinley passed through Alliance about 4:30 Thursday. The train did not stop but quite a crowd of people gathered at the depot to see the president and his party.

HART.

### Taken to Massillon.

Lisbon, April 27.—Sheriff Noragon took William Watson of Lisbon and William Vogt of East Liverpool to the Massillon asylum today. This leaves 11 prisoners in the county jail.

## MEAT OF ONE, FOUL OF OTHERS.

Puerto Rico to Have Different Treatment Than Hawaii

AND OTHER POSSESSIONS

Some Favored With the Best That Is Going And Others Taxed to the Limit—Comment On the Situation.

Special to News-Democrat.

Washington, April 27.—The peculiar status of Puerto Rico with reference to the United States, is certain to continue to land this country in all sorts of contradictions. The latest of these is shown forth by a letter from Assistant Secretary Spaulding of the treasury department, addressed to the surveyor of customs at Kansas City Mo. The surveyor had written to ask whether a drawback to the amount of duty collected could be allowed on salt used in curing meat exported to Puerto Rico, Cuba and the Philippines. Under existing laws of the United States, when foreign materials are imported and combined with other materials, into a manufactured product, which is then exported, a drawback amounting to the value of the duties paid on the components of the article is allowed, and the Kansas City people naturally hoped to take advantage of this. Secretary Spaulding, however, replied as follows:

"I have to state that the department is of opinion that Puerto Rico is not a foreign country within the meaning of the drawback law, and that, therefore, no refund of duty can be allowed by way of drawback on goods exported to Puerto Rico. The department is further of opinion that merchandise exported to Cuba and the Philippine islands would be entitled to drawback."

Was there ever a more sapient conclusion? Puerto Rico, says the secretary, is not a foreign country and no drawback can be allowed. But drawback will be allowed in the case of Cuba and the Philippines. There, it must be inferred that both of these last are foreign countries, in the opinion of the department. Yet Puerto Rico and the Philippines were acquired by the same treaty under the same terms. This is making fish of one and fowl of the other with a vengeance. While on the subject of Puerto Rico, it may be said that plans are on foot by huge corporations to gobble up the plantations and other real estate in Puerto Rico, which are heavily mortgaged, and the owners of which are or may be unable to liquidate their indebtedness when the mortgages mature or the heavy interest payments prior to that time fall due. This can only be prevented, and our friends saved from ruin, by the amendment to the Puerto Rican act now proposed providing that "no corporation shall be authorized to conduct the business of buying or selling real estate, or of engaging in agriculture, or be permitted to hold or own real estate except such as may be reasonable necessary to enable it to carry out the purposes to which it is created."

Certain prominent Republicans, be it said to their credit, are urging this amendment, but most of them are apathetic or hostile, and the Democrats alone cannot pass it. The government has already felt compelled to suspend the foreclosure of the mortgages. The suspension will terminate on June 29, if not sooner. The total amount of the mortgages is in the neighborhood of 28,000,000 pesos, and the total estimated valuation of all the plantations and other real estate in Puerto Rico, in 1897, a year before the cane fields and the extensive and fruitful coffee plantations were destroyed by the hurricane, reducing the assessed valuation by millions of pesos, amounted to 78,000,000 pesos. The total mortgage indebtedness, therefore, amounted to 36 per cent of the total taxable valuation. The rate of interest varies from 7 per cent to 20 per cent a year, and in some cases is still higher. The average rate, according to the estimate of General Davis, is 10 to 11 per cent. The interest is compounded yearly—sometimes every six months.

It is understood that a large proportion of the total indebtedness is now held by capitalists in the United States, who are putting on the screws and making preparations to acquire titles, as corporations, to a corresponding proportion of the coffee, sugar and tobacco lands and manufacturing plants in Puerto Rico, where wages are low and the lands exceedingly fertile and productive, and are holding out alluring prospects of enormous profits to prospective investors. With no restrictions on the granting of corporate rights and privileges in the island it is believed that the gains of speculators who "went in on the ground floor" would far exceed the dreams of avarice. The scheme to turn Puerto Rican coffee, sugar and tobacco plantations into a great corporation would fall of success if the proposed franchise provisions shall be enacted into law. Therefore the trusts and millionaire corporations behind the scheme are fighting it tooth and nail, and no one who understands the intimate relationship between the Republican party, the trusts, and campaign funds can doubt that they will succeed.

## COLUMBUS BUDGET.

Columbiana County Man For Guard at the Penitentiary After Being Ousted.

[Staff Special.]

Columbus, April 27.—The board of managers of the penitentiary have made a number of appointments which will be ratified at a meeting to be held early next week. It is stated that Rev. Dr. Arnold of Dayton will be appointed chaplain. Rev. Mr. Seystone of East Palestine, Columbiana county, has an application in for the position. Sheridan J. Temple of Hanoverton, Columbiana county, today will receive an appointment as guard. He will be stationed on the wall and will enter upon his new duties next Monday morning. Temple has served several

terms as guard at the pen, and once had a thrilling experience while on duty. He was attacked by three dangerous convicts and while trying to save his life, shot two of them, killing one of his assailants. He was ousted from his job two years ago by the Bushnell faction.

Articles of incorporation were issued today to the North Carolina Kaolin company of East Liverpool. The corporation will mine felt spar, kaolin, and all potter's clays and material, and market the same. Also, it will deal in mica and hold, possess and sell real estate and other property for profit. The capitalization of the company is \$30,000, divided into 300 shares of \$100 each. Incorporators: Daniel E. McNichol, C. N. Forster, William L. Smith, Thomas C. Forster, Charles F. Surles.

GEORGE T. BLAKE.

## HANNA AGAIN.

It Is Said That He Will Be The National Chairman This Year.

Cleveland, April 27.—Gen. Charles F. Dick in an interview last night said he felt certain that Senator Hanna would again accept the chairmanship of the national committee and would direct McKinley's campaign for re-election. In the remote event that Mr. Hanna declines to accept the chairmanship Gen. Dick would like to fill the vacancy. However, Mr. Dick did not say this.

## JOHN P. JONES

The Recipient of Favors at The Hands of His Force Of Employees.

Columbus, O., April 27.—Hon. John P. Jones of Stark county, today completed his official term as state labor commissioner, relinquishing the office to Hon. M. D. Ratchford, of Massillon, whose appointment was announced some time ago. The retiring commissioner was made the recipient of several handsome tokens of esteem, among them being an elaborately furnished roll-top desk, a present from his office employees. So far there is no announcement as to what changes will be made by Commissioner Ratchford, who has qualified for the place.

## A CITIZEN DISCUSSES.

One of the Vital Questions of the Day, Fraught With Interest to Canton People.

If there is anything in local indorsement when compared with foreign, it is in anything more convincing than the opinions held by the people we know than those entertained by utter strangers, then Canton citizens have the golden opportunity of their lives to decide these points when they read the views and opinions of Mr. Alfred Riegler, of Fire Station No. 4, who sides at No. 190 W. Lake street. He says:

"From a boy I was troubled with a weak back which developed some six years ago into rather a bad case of kidney complaint. It was not a little backache now and then but backache that caused actual suffering day and night, and the harder I tried to get rid of it, the worse it seemed to grow. In time a distressing and terribly inconvenient urinary weakness set in, and I took everything that came along said to be good for such complaints. In addition I had a number of physicians but none of them were able to cure me. It became known so universally that my kidneys were diseased that I often received circulars from medical companies offering to cure me, and the mail. When Doan's Kidney Pills attracted my attention I wanted to try them as I had everything else and had my wife get me a box at Durbin. Refer any one to me. I will convince them that Doan's Kidney Pills are what they are represented to be. I can never say enough for them."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50c. Mailed by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name, Doan's, and take no other.

### Obituary.

Aaron Pritchard was born at Minerva, Stark county, Ohio, November 14, 1819, and died on Monday, April 23d, 1900. He was the first male child born in Minerva, then but a hamlet. When he was six years of age his parents moved to Sparta, Pike township, where in the year 1846 he was married to Nancy Parker. To them was born six children, four girls and two boys—the oldest a girl who now is Mrs. Mary Margaret Walner, of North Industry; the second, a boy, John A. Pritchard, of Canton, Ohio; the third, Melissa L. Spalding, of Canton, Ohio; the fourth, Ana Sevilla Ashley, of Chicago, Ill.; the fifth, Emeline Sponseller, of Canton; the sixth, the late Emmet Grant Pritchard, of Canton.

Aaron Pritchard moved to Canton about thirteen years ago and on May 4th, 1896, he and his good and faithful wife celebrated their golden wedding. Mr. Pritchard was one of the best known men in Stark county, and loved by all who knew him. He was an exemplary and God-fearing man, honest and upright, with a kind word for all, a good citizen and neighbor, a devoted husband and parent.

His love for his children, grand-children and great grand-children, was unbounded, and their affections for him were equally as strong until the end, and every one who knew him will remember him as a man who always tried to do unto others as he would have others do unto him.

### Alma Schaal Dead.

Alma Schaal died early this morning at her home No. 612 Union street, at the age of 28 years, after a lingering illness. The immediate cause of her death was lung trouble. The funeral service will take place at her late residence Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Rev. E. P. Herbruck, pastor of Trinity Reformed church, officiating. The remains will be taken to Paris for interment.

President A. B. Riker of Mount Union college, is registered at the Barnett.

## BI-COUNTY INSTITUTE.

The Most Successful Meeting Ever Held In This Section.

SEVERAL HUNDRED THERE.

Opened With a Lecture and Reception

Friday Night at the High School.

SCHOOL BOYS IN EVIDENCE.

They Make the Hall Ring With Their Cries Yells and Add Enthusiasm to The Proceedings—Regular Technical Discussions Fought Up Saturday Morning.

Canton has seen many institutes when the instructors of the county and surrounding territory have gathered here for mutual culture and entertainment but Canton has never before seen such an institute as the Bi-County Teachers' institute now assembled in the high school building. Wayne county responded heartily to the call and sent a magnificent delegation of her best teachers to the meeting. Stark was out in full force and when the first session opened Friday night, there were more teachers present than have ever been gotten together for a similar occasion in this section.

At just 8:30 o'clock Friday evening the blue and gold banner of the High school juniors was carried to the rotunda of the big auditorium in the High school building. The class rallied around it and Superintendent Jones of the Massillon schools stepped upon the platform and formally opened the institute. The juniors lifted up their voices in song and the audience applauded heartily. Dr. A. B. Riker of Mt. Union, invoked divine guidance and blessing upon the occasion and the juniors favored the audience with another chorus in which the patriotic airs of the country were blended in medley. As the last strains of "America" died away over the room, the defiant gold and blue of the junior banner was flung over the heads of the lusty lads upon the stage and like the burst of a thunder clap their voices rang out.

"Rickerty, rickerty rickerty, ruff, Blinkerty, blankerty, we're hot stuff. Gwilklick, gewillick, ge-flipperty flun, What's the matter with nineteen one?" Then there was a roar and a crash from the extreme end of the hall in the rear. The seniors had evidently gotten wind of the fact that the enemy was plotting to achieve honor during the evening and the words, "Nineteen one" had hardly gotten from the junior throats when the senior yell was hurled back at them as though a thousand cannons were belching it out as follows: "With a ve-vo, with a vi-vo, With a ve-vo vi-vo vum. Johnny get a rat trap, Bigger than a cat trap, Boom-is, boom-ba, sis-boom-ba, Nineteen hundred, rah, rah, rah!"

The juniors responded as they were leaving the platform and the seniors got back at them and ended up with a cry, "What's the matter with 1900?" to which an answer came floating out from back of the platform like a voice from the clouds, "no good."

This ended the controversy with the juniors still defiant but the seniors did not forget and when the speaker of the evening, Dr. Thompson, president of the Ohio State University, was introduced they got even by saluting him with the O. S. U. yell, which was gracefully acknowledged by the jolly president.

After the classes had their sport, all of which was duly appreciated by everybody present, the eighth grade of the Duerber avenue school was marched upon the stage for a dumb bell drill. This was one of the finest things of the kind that has ever been seen in the city. The movements were absolutely perfect and there was not a hitch in the entire program.

DR. THOMPSON SPEAKS. Dr. Thompson in his address spoke for an hour and gave some very solid material for thought along the line of educational work. He said it was the duty of the teachers to do the best that they possibly can for the rising generation and he had found they were. All the great advances in methods that were so valuable to the country at large he said had been developed by the teachers at their own expense without asking the public for a dollar.

He spoke of the question of permitting the pupils to select their courses of study in the higher grades and showed how it increased the responsibility of the teacher. He wanted better teaching still. He wanted more college-bred teachers in the high schools. At the State University the best teacher is put over the freshman class and the high school teacher should be the best possible. More personal supervision of the pupils is needed. The boy must be taught how to employ his power. We are spending \$13,000,000 a year for education but it is not enough. We will need more for the country must have the advantages of the high school and the state will have to help the rural schools.

Dr. Thompson said more solid work was needed for the pupil. He should be taught more of some one thing so he would know something about something at least rather than scatter him over everything till he did not know anything about anything.

TEACHERS' RECEPTION. At the close of the address all teachers and ex-teachers with school officials were invited down stairs to the second floor corridors where the place had been decorated till it looked like a summer bower and where the Canton teachers had arranged to give a reception complimentary to their visitors.

In an alcove a splendid string orchestra was placed to charm the ear with sweetest strains of music. All around the room flags and ribbons were draped in tasteful fashion while plants and flowers nodded cheerfully to the guests from every corner. The great hallway was jammed with the teachers but it was not crowded but that the guests could get around and as the sociability increased dextrous and sweet faced junior girls served delicious beverages to the thirsty from five large cut glass punch bowls located in different parts of the room.

During the intermission, while the orchestra was resting, a program was given by the committee, Miss Esther Yates, Miss Eva Lehman, and Mrs. F. N. Sweitzer, sang; Misses Edna Poyser and Alice Bour, gave a piano duet and Miss Baehrens and Miss Anice Belden presided at the piano for the accompaniments.

After a decidedly happy social time all around the reception closed at 11 o'clock.

The reception committee that had the matter in charge consisted of Mrs. Ballard, Miss Beaumont, Miss Scott, Miss Poyser, Miss Bertha Smith, Miss Maud Hurst, Miss Ida Miller, Miss Schwalm, Miss Scroggy, Miss Olive Mumaw, Miss Ruth Reynolds, Miss Schoeninger, Miss Coons, Miss Adeline Hahn, and Messrs. Wyman, Glavin, Chamberlain, Underwood and Krichbaum.

### MORNING MEETING.

The teachers' institute opened Saturday morning at 9 o'clock with songs by the little tads of the first grade in the South McKinley school. Dr. Riker led in prayer and then the eighth grade of the East Fourth street school added more music to the proceedings.

The subject of mothers' clubs was taken up and the discussion opened by Miss Olive Smith, of Massillon. She dwelt on the importance of getting the mothers of children together and teaching them that upon them after all rested the great responsibility of teaching the children how they must go. The work of the school teacher was only supplementary.

Miss Hanbank, of Canton, concluded the discussion of the topic. A pleasing diversion at the morning session was a calisthenic drill by the pupils of the fifth grade in the Woodland avenue school.

At the morning meeting Chairman Jones appointed the following committees: On resolutions, O. W. Kurtz and Viola D. Pepper, of Stark; and T. W. Kimber and Lulu D. Keene, of Wayne; on nominations, J. B. Moier and Reuben Lelsay, of Wayne, and Belle Stone and J. A. Syler, of Stark.

## TRUCK GARDENING AT THE HOSPITAL.

Management Will Endeavor to Raise an Abundance of

ALL KINDS OF VEGETABLES

Patients Are Busy Digging Ditches and Doing Outside Work Which They Enjoy to the Fullest Extent

Special to News-Democrat.

Massillon, April 28.—Every one at the state hospital who is able to be out has been enjoying the fine weather of the past week. There has been a great deal of outside work done. A large force is at work on the new tunnel. The south end of this is about completed. When finished it will be a deep and wide ditch. It will go to the new cottages on the east side and eventually to the proposed new infirmary building. Nearly all of the workmen on the ditch are patients at the institution and the work to many of them is a welcome change from the ordinary every-day life around the cottages. While there is the day, walk it is not like the exercise of working. There will be plenty of work around the place to keep the men busy for some years to come.

It is the intention of the management to raise enough potatoes on the farm during the coming season to supply the institution throughout the year. This was not done last year. There was in the neighborhood of 2,500 bushels raised at that time. The season was not a good one for the crop as it was so very dry. It is the intention this year to raise 6,000 bushels and it is thought that that amount will supply the place throughout the winter.

There is a large acreage planted with other vegetables.

There is considerable work that will have to be done on the land that was purchased recently from the board of trade. The amount that was purchased was 80 acres. A great deal of this is a swamp and has to be drained. This is being done through a big ditch which extends from the middle of the swamp to the road south of the institution. It will drain the entire swamp and there will be about forty acres that will be cultivated. The remainder of the land that was purchased is at the present time covered by a heavy growth of timber. This extends south and east of the cleared portion. As soon as possible the work will be started on that strip and it will be converted into a beautiful park. This park will contain 40 acres of land and will be invaluable to the institution. Clearings will be made and these will be in the low parts of the grounds. In these clearings there will be ponds that will add greatly to the beauty of the place. The ground and the entire location is an ideal one for the purpose for which it is intended and it will be the finest place of the kind in the state.

### MAPLETON MATTERS.

Topics of Interest Gathered By Our Regular Correspondent In a Thriving Little City.

Mapleton, April 28.

Dr. Dodd spent a day in East Rochester. Ed. Wilson is making preparations to remodel his dwelling house. Mrs. David Coy received injuries from a fall but did not prove serious.

A new blacksmith will begin work in this town in the near future.

On the evening of May 12 the Excelsior Comedy company and Mapleton band will give an exhibition at the Excelsior (or Dagers) school house.